

Barque Daniel Webster Cruising in

Sunday Aug. 19th 1877

Comes in with a calm and continues through all the day with an occasional cat's paw. Several in sight steering to the E. one steamer steering to the W. plenty of finbacks and porpoises in sight and several schools of grampuses. Water green all day - at night 14 sails in sight.

Lat. 48.50 No No Obs.

Monday Aug. 20th 1877

Comes in with light airs from E and calm. Ship on various tacks during the day cruising with all sail out in the A.M. In the P.M. strong gales from N.E. and squally weather. at 3 P.M. kept ship S.S.W. under easy sail. In the A.M. plenty of finback and some few schools of porpoises. Water alternately changing from blue that to green.

Lat. 48.46 Long. 25.32 By Ce

Tuesday Aug. 21st

Comes in with strong gales from N.E. and squally weather with showers of rain. Ship steering S.W. by with all prudent sail out. One sail in sight in the A.M. by the wind to the N.W. saw a few birds and one drift log. In the P.M. saw a dead horse and three sails all steering to the E. made sail for the Azores in order to obtain correct rates of chronometers, as our working one. Long. of steamer on the 16th inst. is 3° 28' 40" far E. and the other one 4° 27' less far E. also.

Lat 46.46 N. Long. 26.15 W

Wednesday Aug. 22d 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.E. and fine weather. Ship steering S.W. per compass with all sail out for the Azores. Nothing in sight.

Lat 44.30 N. Long. 27.08 per

the North Atlantic Ocean in 1877

Thursday Aug. 23rd 1877

Comes in with a gale from N.E. and heavy showers of rain. Ship running to S.W. under lower topsails with quite a heavy swell on at 6 A.M. while hoisting Stink boat, shipped a sea over both gunwales taking away the boat and left her hanging to the After Table. Luffed the ship to the wind, took in the topsails and then took in the boat being very badly stove, the stern entirely gone. Lost boat sail and mast. Water and lantern keys, compass and quite a number of small things. Remain here to wait for the fore Sticksails all day, blowing heavy in squalls, with with showers of rain P No Obs.

Friday Aug. 24th

Comes in with a gale from N.E. at 4 A.M. kept ship off to S.W. and set topsails and fore sails. Weather moderating and wind hauling to the N. at 10 had all sail on the ship. Took down a boat from the house, fitted her and put her out on Stink cranes and put the stove boat up on the house. At sundown wind W. by compass. Ship heading S.S.W. Graciosa bearing S. by compass (the calculation) and Dist 94 miles.

Lat. 41.11 N. Long. 29.00

Saturday Aug. 25th 1877

Comes in with strong gales from W. and hauling to S.W. with hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the S and S.S.W. under whole topsails & lower. At 10 A.M. raised Graciosa bearing S.W. Dist 25 miles. At 3 P.M. raised Sperma Whales by Rice one of the foremast hands going quite stove to the leeward. Lowered three boats at first and after. Starboard boat struck 15 miles E. lowered the starboard boat and chased Graciosa the whales to windward without success. they starting off quite quick - a large school of 30 bbls. whales. Took the whale to the ship at sunset. got ready for cutting their turned all hands below but 4th mate P.